

Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority

Special Meeting Agenda

September 2, 2026

7:00pm

Meeting will be at

500 N. Clinton St. Grand Ledge MI, 48837

Training Room, Grand Ledge Fire Department

- I. **Roll Call of Authority Board** - Chairperson Don Willems, Vice Chairperson Keith Mulder, Treasurer Janet Schultz, Secretary Rick Lantz, Trustee Robert Stahelin !!

Present:

- Don Willems
- Rich Lantz
- Robert Stahelin

Excused:

- Jan Schultz
- Keith Mulder

- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

- III. **Audience Participation** -Any person (s) attending may comment on any subject. All presentations before the Authority Board shall be limited to five minutes per individual presentation.

- None

- IV. **Approval of Consent Agenda** - The Authority Board approves items listed on the consent agenda by a single roll call vote without debate. If the Authority Board desires to debate any item listed on the consent agenda, it may remove the item and place it on the regular agenda for consideration in due order.

- Motion Rich Lantz
- Second Robert Stahelin

- V. **Approval of Regular agenda** - The Authority Board may remove any item or add any item to the regular agenda.

- A. Motion - To approve September 2, 2026, Special Authority Board Meeting Agenda

- VI. **Committee and Board Reports** - Fire Authority Board members and staff may report on discussions and actions of committees and boards.

- A. **Personnel Committee** -
B. **Finance Committee** -

- c. **Truck/Equipment Replacement Committee -**
- D. **Public Education Committee -**
- E. **Building Committee -**

- None

VII. **Fire Chief/Staff Reports**-The Authority board may receive reports from the Chief, staff members, or contractors.

- A. Monthly Run Activity
- B. Vehicle Report

- None

VIII. **Old Business** - The Authority board discusses any business unfinished from a previous meeting.

- None

IX. **New Business** - The Authority Board may bring up for discussion any business not previously debated and may act or not act on the item(s) indicated.

- A. Resolution #10-2026 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR THE MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP PARTICIPATING PLAN-RISK REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

- Motion Rich Lantz
- Second Robert Stahelin

Discussion - Chief Mike Roman explained that the grant program requires a resolution by the Authority Board as part of the grant process, and that the application is due on September 15th. Due to absences in the following week, this requirement is the primary reason for holding the special meeting: to seek approval of a resolution to apply for safety equipment. The allowable grant amount is \$5,000, and the equipment requested would outfit GLAESA responders with Ultrabright Safety Fire Vests and Guardian Angel Micro Safety Lights. The vests meet National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) standards for reflectivity. This equipment is intended to enhance personnel safety and improve scene visibility.

Rich Lantz questioned the language in the resolution referencing "Michigan Township," but later determined that the term is used interchangeably and acceptable as written. The total cost of the equipment outlined in the resolution is just under the \$5,000 maximum allowed by the grant. A roll call vote was conducted at 1909, and all present members voted **YES** to approve the resolution.

X. **Audience Participation**-any person (s) attending may comment on any subject. All presentations before the Authority board shall be limited to five minutes per individual presentation.

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XI. **Communications from Authority Board members.**

Chief Mike Roman added comments, noting that the building committee met earlier this morning. He reported it was a productive two-hour meeting and expressed enthusiasm about the direction of the project. The building committee team will attend the September 21st meeting to present a timeline and discuss financial considerations.

Don Willems asked whether there had been any discussion regarding Oneida Charter Township's potential rebuilding of its garage. Chief Mike Roman stated that he would prefer Jan Schultz to address that question, but in her absence he shared his understanding that the Township is currently tabling the idea. Chief Roman also noted that the location of the Township Hall is significant. In response to Rick Lantz's question about why that location matters, Chief Roman explained that from an ISO rating perspective, the Township Hall site benefits certain geographical areas that the proposed new station location would not. Don Willems added that Township voters are an important priority and the board wants to continue hearing and supporting their needs.

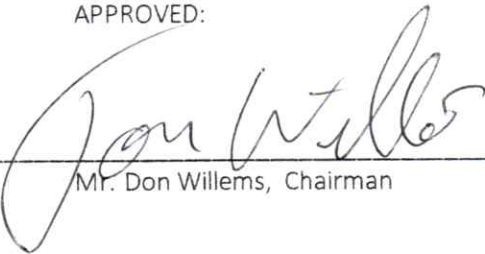
Chief Mike Roman provided an additional update on his work toward making Grand Ledge a heart-safe community. He continues collaborating with Laura Guild, founder of **The Ev Effect**, a foundation established in memory of her son who passed away from sudden cardiac arrest at the Grand Ledge High School. Chief Roman expressed interest in pursuing the development of a 501(c)(3) structure for donations related to this initiative, acknowledging that the process is complex and will require legal guidance. The board agreed. Robert Stahelin noted that the Everson Guild event is personally meaningful to him and emphasized that AEDs, paired with proper training, are exactly what is needed. Chief Roman further added that he has been working with Eaton County 911 to incorporate AED location data into real-time emergency responses to improve deployment effectiveness.

XII. **Closed session** - the Open Meetings Act allows the Authority board to discuss certain subjects without the presence of the public. The Authority Board may request a staff member or any other person the Authority Board determines to be necessary to attend the closed session. Once the closed session has ended, the Authority Board will resume the regular meeting.

XIII. **Adjournment** - when the Fire Authority Board has completed all items listed on the

- Motion Rich Lantz
 - Second Robert Stahelin
- Time 1922

APPROVED:


Mr. Don Willems, Chairman
Mr. Rick Lantz, Secretary